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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO MARCH 20, 1997 OFFICE ACTION

This Communication is submitted in response to the Office Action issued March 20, 1997 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the March 20, 1997 Office Action is due April 20, 1997. However, because April 20, 1997 falls on a Sunday, a response submitted on the next business day, namely Monday, April 21, 1997, is to be considered timely under 37 C.F.R. §1.7. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-20 and 44-52 are pending and under examination in the subject application.

The Examiner stated that the Communication filed on December 13, 1996 and January 6, 1997 is non-responsive to the prior Office action because applicants have failed to respond to the obviousness-type double patenting or copending applications 08/477,147 and 08/481,809. The Examiner stated that since the response appears to be bona fide, but through an apparent oversight or inadvertence failed to provide a complete response, applicants are required to complete the response within a time